

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~The invention relates to~~ A method for the operation of a multi-cylinder internal combustion engine with intake and exhaust valves and at least one braking valve for each cylinder, ~~said~~ the braking valves being connected to a common pressure vessel (braking rail). ~~The invention proposes that,~~ wherein during the start-up phase of the internal combustion engine a first group of cylinders ~~[[be]]~~ is cut off from the fuel supply such that the cylinders of this first group operate as compressors which charge the pressure vessel via their braking valves with compressed air, and ~~[[that]]~~ the cylinders of a second group of cylinders which are supplied with fuel ~~[[be]]~~ are charged with compressed air from the pressure vessel via their braking valves, such that the compression pressure and compression temperature in the cylinders of the second group ~~[[will be]]~~ is raised during the start-up phase.

[[Fig. 1]]